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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3729

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 31, 2003 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claim 2 is pending.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,740,657 to Tsukagoshi et al. ("Tsukagoshi"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Tsukagoshi would not have rendered obvious claim 2. Claim 2 recites "[a] connection method, comprising: electrically connecting first electrodes on a first substrate and second electrodes on a second substrate with an interposed anisotropic electroconductive adhesive layer, wherein the thickness of the electroconductive adhesive layer prior to connection is given by: $0.5 \times \{(A^1 C^1 + A^2 C^2) / (B+C)\} \leq X \leq 2 \times \{(A^1 C^1 + A^2 C^2) / (B+C)\}$ where: A^1 is a